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PASTOR'S CHARGES BRING INQUIRY IN NAVY "METHODS"

Full Evidence to Be Called For
by Subcommittee of
Senators.

Charges made by the Ministers' Union of Newport, R. I., and John R. Rathbone, editor of the Providence Journal, that "vile methods" have been employed by the Navy Department for the purpose of searching out degenerates, will be investigated by a subcommittee of the Senate naval affairs committee. It was determined yesterday by the full naval affairs committee.

A telegram addressed to members of the naval affairs committee by Mr. Rathbone alleges a condition of affairs in the Navy Department "rotten beyond description," in which a secret division of the naval intelligence was created and maintained for the specific purpose of using young seamen "for the most vile and nameless practices in order to entrap innocent men," to the grave injury of the reputation of the city of Newport. Arrangements have been made for the submission of full evidence and a list of witnesses to be summoned before the naval affairs subcommittee.

Letter Sent to the President.
The charge is made that Secretary Daniels has had full knowledge of the action of the Navy Department in this particular. A letter of protest against the conduct of the Navy Department was sent by the Ministers' Union of Newport to President Wilson more than a week ago. The text of the letter to the President, signed by James De Wolf Perry, Bishop of Rhode Island, and ten other ministers, follows:

"The acquittal and vindication of the Rev. Samuel Neal Kent, first in the district court in Newport, in August, 1919, and second in the United States court in Providence, in January, 1920, on charges of immoral conduct preferred against him by the Navy Department, prompts us, who have been associated with him in social and religious work among the enlisted men of both Army and Navy, to call to your attention certain deleterious and vicious methods employed by the Navy Department."

"The testimony submitted by the prosecution in this case reveals the facts: Two men, who claim to possess the unusual power of detecting sexual degeneracy at sight, were given charge by the Navy Department over a score of youths enlisted in the wearing the uniform of the United States Navy. These boys they then instructed in the details of a nameless vice and sent them through the community to practice the same in general, and in particular to seduce certain designated individuals; and this in spite of the fact that prominent citizens of Rhode Island made in person strong and continuous protest directly to the Secretary and assistant secretary of the Navy against this iniquitous procedure."

"It must be evident to every thoughtful mind that the use of such vile methods cannot fail to undermine the character and ruin the morals of the unfortunate youths detailed for this duty, render no citizen of the community safe from suspicion and calumny, bring the city into unwarranted reproach and shake the faith of the people in the wisdom and integrity of the naval administration."

"We, vitally interested in the moral welfare of the young men of the service who are in our midst, unbiased by any political partisanship, feel it our solemn duty to request you to take at the earliest moment such measures as will eliminate from the Navy all officials, however highly placed, who are responsible for the employment of such execrable methods—methods contrary alike to the dictates of morality, patriotism and religion."

"The people of the United States are entitled to the assurance that hereafter no boy who enlists in the Navy will be consigned to a career of vice."

Declines to Comment.
Secretary Daniels declined to comment on Mr. Rathbone's charges, declaring that he did not desire to make a statement until he was more familiar with the allegations. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who was said by Mr. Daniels to be more familiar with the matter, asserted that the special board of inquiry appointed by the judge advocate general of the Navy two weeks ago, had full authority to investigate the methods employed by naval intelligence officers in securing evidence against persons under suspicion of moral delinquency, and to inquire into all judicial procedure of the Navy at Newport.

While charges of improper methods of obtaining evidence in such cases have been in the hands of the Navy Department for two months, Mr. Roosevelt said, the department had withheld action upon them until the cases of several civilians brought to trial upon evidence furnished by the Navy, including Rev. Samuel Neal Kent, were disposed of in the federal courts. The board of inquiry, the assistant secretary said, will proceed at once with its investigation with full power to subpoena witnesses and get at all the facts.

Board of Inquiry Appointed.
A board of inquiry, headed by Rear Admiral Dunn, commandant of the first naval district, has been appointed by Secretary Daniels to investigate conditions at the naval station at Newport which led to the charges. It was said at the Navy Department today that the board had been named several days ago and that it would conduct a thorough investigation.

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MR. PAXTON'S WORK LEADS IN POPULAR VOTE ON PAINTINGS

Nearly 10,000 Ballots Cast in
Contest Conducted at
Corcoran Gallery.

That the art-loving public has inherent good taste and appreciates good pictures is made evident by the result of the popular referendum held in connection with the Corcoran Gallery's seventh biennial exhibition and concluded yesterday, when representatives of The Evening Star and the Washington Post supervised the counting of the nearly 10,000 votes cast during the past week by gallery visitors for their favorite pictures.

Number 224, entitled "Girl Sewing," the work of William Paxton of Boston, led in votes cast in the balloting, with 288, and thereby wins the special award of \$200 offered by the gallery. And No. 224, it is today pointed out by artists and connoisseurs, is a splendid picture by an eminent artist. The winner in the first popular contest held during the sixth biennial exhibition was a "Portrait of a Child," by Lydia Field Emmet, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubert Johnson of this city. This also was a picture of high merit. The conclusion is, therefore, that the public, although untrained in appreciation of certain technical qualities of a work of art that would be noted and considered by a professional jury, yet is possessed of a tendency to arrive at generally accurate conclusions in considering good qualities in paintings.

Two Tied for Second Place.
In fact, all the pictures receiving a considerable number of votes were good ones, although no one of the four William A. Clarke prize winners was among the half-dozen leaders in popular favor. Two entries were tied for second place—"Chant to the Rain God," by E. Irving Couse, and "Silent Wood," by Allen D. Cochran, each receiving 199 ballots. Third choice went to "The First Born," by William A. Churchill, and fourth to "A Child," by Sergeant Kendall. "The Boy Scout," by Frank Vincent Du Mond, got fifth place.

Interesting points in the results shown by the popular vote were as follows: Pictures containing human figures, especially children or young people, ran high in favor, and this same was true of the previous contest. All of the four winners of the Clarke awards and gallery medals, announced before the exhibit opened,

Private Still of Marines Enlists to Hunt Stills

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 20.—John A. Still has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to go on a still hunt for stills in Guam. He said: "When I finished his enlistment he was in the island of Guam in the Pacific serving on the insular patrol, whose chief duty is to prevent the operation of illicit stills by the natives. Still told the recruiting sergeant how the natives distilled 'rum,' the juice of coconut palm blossoms, into very 'aguardiente.'"

Still wants to return to the still hunt for stills in Guam. He likes the climate, the 'chow' and the job, and so he will be a passenger on the next steamer for the far east.

received votes. The popular votes were distributed over 200 out of the 316 entries in the exhibit. Mr. Paxton is from Boston, the same city in which Frank W. Benson, first Clarke prize winner, resides. Ten thousand ballots were printed, and practically all were deposited Sunday afternoon. That those who view the display voted with care for the exhibition and, where possible, after lengthy consideration, was evident all during the week. C. Powell Minnigerode, secretary and director of the institution, expressed himself as highly pleased with the interest shown in, and the outcome of, the referendum, and says that this popular feature will undoubtedly be repeated at future exhibitions.

Native of Maryland.
Mr. Paxton, the winner of the popular prize, is a native of Maryland, having been born in Baltimore in 1893. He was a pupil of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris under Georges, and also studied under Dennis

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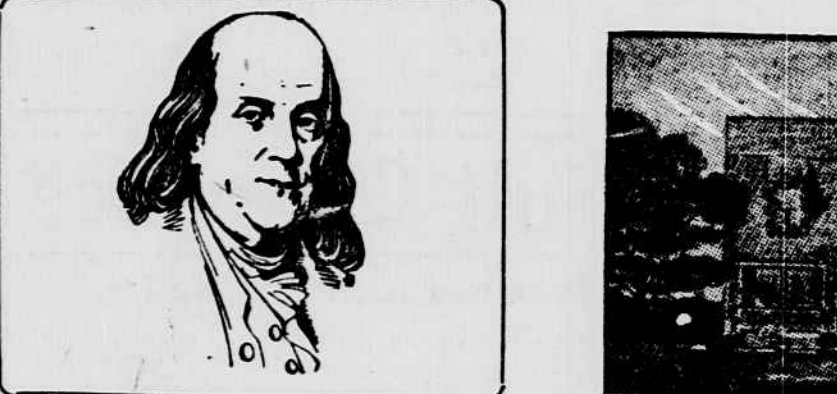
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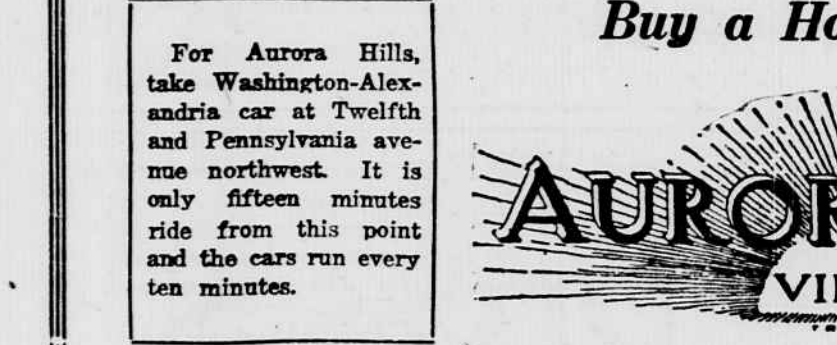
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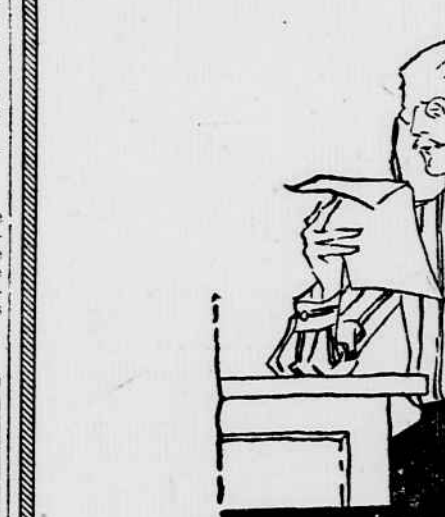
M. Bunker in Boston. He has been a member of the Copley Society of Boston, since 1894, and a member, too, of the Guild of Boston Artists, the St. Botolph Club of Boston, the Art Club of Philadelphia and an associate of the National Academy of Design, New York.

Awards given to Mr. Paxton are as follows: Honorable mention, American exposition, Buffalo, N. Y., 1901; bronze medal, St. Louis exposition, 1904; Elliott prize, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 1915; hors concours (jury of awards), Panama Pacific International exposition, San Francisco, Calif., 1915. Mr. Paxton is represented in the permanent collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art by an oil painting, entitled "The House Maid," which received many votes in the popular contest of 1917.

The present week is the last of the exhibition. It will remain installed to and including next Sunday night, after which it will make way for the regular permanent collection. The gallery will be open again Friday night from 8 until 10 o'clock, admission free.

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